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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

(INCLUDING FILING FEE AND/OR PETITION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME FEE)

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

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Attorney Docket No.: 1466.1006

First Named Inventor Fumihiro NAMIKI, et al.

Application No. 09/473,047

Group Art Unit 2879

Filing Date December 28, 1999

Examiner Sikha Roy

CPA Filing Date

Confirmation No 9541

Title of Invention **GAS-DISCHARGE DISPLAY APPARATUS HAVING OPTICAL FILTER
SELECTIVELY ABSORBING LIGHT OF A WAVELENGTH EQUAL TO
THAT OF THE LIGHT EMISSION OF THE DISCHARGE GAS (AS
AMENDED)**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (Box a or b must be completed)

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other

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Miscellaneous


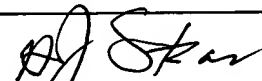
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required).
- b. ☐ Other

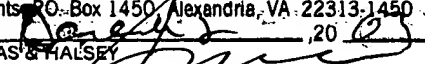
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		BASIC FEE		\$	770.00
Since an Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>September 2, 2003</u> , petition is hereby made for an extension of time to cover the date this RCE is filed, for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$420); 3 months (\$950); 4 months (\$1,480); 5 months (\$2,010)):					950.00
Suspension Fee (\$130.00)					0.00
Total of above Calculations =				\$	1720.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).					
TOTAL FEES DUE =				\$	1720.00
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>\$1720.00</u> is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to Deposit Account No. 19-3935. (A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.)					
7. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application and of any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 to maintain pendency hereof and of any such related application to: Deposit Account No. 19-3935.					
8. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS					
STAAS & HALSEY LLP  21171 PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE					
9. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED					
NAME		H. J. Staas		REGISTRATION NO.	22,010
SIGNATURE				DATE	December 2, 2003

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The subject Preliminary Amendment is filed concurrently with an RCE, in response to the final rejection herein mailed June 2, 2003 and which set a three month period for response, expiring September 2, 2003. A Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time and related fee are filed concurrently in accordance with which this Preliminary Amendment is timely filed with the aforesaid RCE as of December 2, 2003.

Please AMEND the above-identified application, as follows:

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